**Plan for reading a poem**

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| 1. On the first reading, read for enjoyment. Get a feeling for the poem’s words. | 1. On a second reading, read for meaning. Look for clues that help you understand what the poem is saying. |
| 1. On a third reading, study the structure and language of the poem. What kind of poem is it? Does it have a rhyme scheme? How many stanzas are in it? Examine the images, organization, and sounds. Think about how they add to the poems message. | 1. On a fourth reading, read for feeling. What are the mood and tone of the poem? How does this poem make you feel as you read it? |

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